GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has commenced work on the preparation of a National Human Development Report. A Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission has been set up to oversee the work. The report is expected to be submitted to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission by the end of the financial year 2000-2001.

Impact of New Export-Import Policy on SSI Units

3057. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the impact of the new export-import policy on the SSI units ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Removal of Quantitative Restrictions in respect of several SSI reserved items under the new EXIM Policy would result in increased competition from imported goods. The Government is assisting the SSI sector to meet the emerging challenges by providing support in the areas of credit, technology, design, quality control, standards and marketing.

Implication of the quota restrictions

3058. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether small scale industries will face difficulty on the implication of the quota restrictions after April, 2000 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) how Government propose to assist the small scale industries in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The Small Scale Industries in India have enough resilience to withstand the impact of phasing out of Quantitative Restrictions beyond April, 2000, as is evident from their recent track record.

(c) The Government has put in place several measures to help our small enterprises become globally competitive. These include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, infrastructure assistance through cluster approach, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure and other IT applications, marketing and timely information dissemination, including sensitization of small industries to the emerging challenges of trade liberalization.

Mini Tool Rooms and Training Centres in the Country

†3059. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme is being implemented by centre to set up mini tool rooms and training centres in different States of the country ;

(b) if so, names of places where these tool rooms and training centres have so far been set up during the last five years ;

(c) whether any proposal with regard to set up mini tool room and training centre in Madhya Pradesh is under Central Government's consideration; and

(d) whether, keeping in view the vast tract of Madhya Pradesh, Government would accord approval for setting up of mini tool room and training centre for Gwalior, Jabalpur, Raipur and Bhopal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such proposal has yet been finalised.

(c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal for setting up mini tool rooms at Gwalior, Jabalpur, Raipur and Bhopal.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Employment Scheme of KVIC

†3060. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.